

NEVADA'S FIRST EMIGRANTS

Passed Through Territory in 1841
Naming Pyramid Lake

About 1841 the first emigrants passed through Nevada, comprising the Bartleson party from Independence, Missouri but the man who showed most prominently in this party was John Bidwell, the famous Californian, who wrote a most interesting account of the trip for the Century magazine. The history of General John C. Fremont's explorations in the west is pretty well known, but we are especially interested in his second expedition in 1843-44. From Klamath lake he turned south and after days of wearisome journeying he came in sight of what he thus describes:

"Beyond a defile between the mountains and filling up the lower space was a sheet of green water some twenty miles abroad. It broke upon our eyes like the ocean. We camped opposite a very remarkable rock in the lake which attracted our attention for many miles. It rose according to our estimate about six hundred feet above the water and presented a pretty exact outline of the pyramid of Cheops. This striking figure suggested a name for the lake and I called it Pyramid Lake." This was written Jan. 14, 1844. On the next day Fremont camped at the mouth of what he called Salmon trout river, now known as the Truckee.

Off For Manhattan

Jack Wall, of this city expects to leave this morning for Manhattan, where he will go to work on a lease on the Carson claim. He is to work for Frank Helm and Percy Gardner on their leases and will also keep a sharp look out for Jack in that section.

Fred Knoblock, has joined Gardner and Helm in their leases and will take a chance in the camp. From the present showing on the ground the boys should make good and clean up a comfortable sum.

Active development work on the Carson claim will commence this week as five leases will get busy.

May Change Time

Only about twelve miles of the Nevada & California railroad remain to be ballasted when a new time card will probably go into effect. It is thought trains will leave Goldfield and Tonopah later than at present, but the running time will be so much faster that passengers will be landed in Reno an hour earlier than now. If a change is made a new card will also go into effect on the V. & T. and the express train will leave this city earlier.

The Orphans' Home

The State Orphans home new building in Carson has accommodations for 100 children. The State waives now number 62 of whom 31 are boys. The height of the structure from base to dome is 115 feet. The grounds comprise an area of 16 acres of agricultural upon which is raised all of the vegetables for table use and feed for livestock which includes six cows. Since the establishment of the home in 1869, seven hundred children have been admitted within its portals and supported and educated at the States expense, many of them occupying positions of trust.

To Be Known as Beckwourth

Virgil C. Bogue, vice president and chief engineer of the Western Pacific company, has announced that Beckwith Pass will be known on that company's time cards as Beckwourth, the name of the original discoverer of that pass through the Sierras James P. Beckwourth, son of a continental soldier.

Former Carsonite Dead

Joseph Miller, a former resident, who while employed in a Comstock mine lost an eye through the explosion of a blast, died in the Utah state asylum at Provo, February 21st.—Chronicle.

The Lovelock Commercial Company has sued the Bonanza King mining company for \$4,000 for supplies.

The Reno city council may close the U and I saloon where the fatal pistol duel recently occurred.

Lottie C. Dougherty has applied for divorce from Thomas Dougherty, in the Reno court on the ground of desertion.

Mrs. P. J. McGrath and son Philip, are visiting relatives in this city.

C. W. Friend, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved and his many friends hope to see him on the street in a few days.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Austin People Building a Line to
Manhattan District.

George Watt, President of the Austin-Manhattan Telephone and Telegraph Co., returned to Austin last Saturday evening from a business trip to Manhattan and Tonopah, and he informs us that all the stock in the company has been subscribed for and the organization of the company completed. All the farmers through Smoky valley subscribing for stock each of them realizing that it will be of great service to them in many ways as well as bringing in a little revenue.

The line will extend from Austin to Kingston, then through the Smoky valley ranches, Millett and Jefferson and on to Manhattan. Connections will be made at Austin with the Western Union and this will give Manhattan direct communication with the outside world. Poles and wire on the new line will be commenced at once.

—Reveille.

Will Sell Churchill Railroad Land

It is officially reported that the government reclamation authorities railroad company have come to an agreement regarding the disposition of the railroad lands embraced by the Carson Sink project, says the Churchill Standard. According to the terms of the agreement the reclamation authorities will classify and sub-divide the railroad lands into farm units after which the lands will be placed on the market for sale to private individuals, who will buy water for irrigation under the same terms accorded homesteaders. In no case however will water for more than 160 acres be sold to any one individual.

Another Attraction

The Zarrow Troupe of comedy cyclists that came to the Carson City opera house on March 7th with the Baltimore Beauties have gained for themselves the reputation of being the funniest bicycle act in existence. Their work is a series of startling surprises of a pantomimic nature, in which difficult tricks upon wheels gives place to ridiculous comedy. It is different from any troupe of bicyclists that have ever appeared in this country and immediately upon the expiration of their contract with the Baltimore Beauties company they will sail for extensive engagements in Europe and South Africa.

Money to Search for Platinum

Congress has voted under an urgent deficiency bill, the sum of \$25,000 for further experimental work in connection with 'black sands' with the particular purpose of encouraging the search for platinum. Dr. David T. Day, who has directed this work, at Portland, will also arrange to send a number of young men into the field, but not at Government expense, to test placer sand for platinum, iridium and osmium.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Chance to Gain Position in the U. S.
Mint

On March 21st in this city there will be a civil service examination held to fill the position of cupeller at the U. S. Mint, the position carries a salary of \$4 per day.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements.

Applicants should at once apply to the secretary of the board of examiners at either the United States assay office at Carson City, Nev., or the post-office at San Francisco, Cal., for application Form 1093. No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed, in complete form, with the secretary at San Francisco prior to the hour of closing business on March 13, 1906. In applying for this examination the exact title as given at the head of this announcement should be used in the application.

W. M. DAVID, Local Secretary,
U. S. Mint, Carson City.

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Creston Clarke Coming

Creston Clarke has won his renown as a star actor on altogether independent line and his universal success as "Beaucaire" in the comic romance of that name last season, has stamped him at one of America's greatest actors. This favorite star and his elaborate production of "Beaucaire" are again en tour and will visit this city in the near future bringing all the details of the original production and a cast of wholly adequate requirements.

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Visitor from Sacramento.

Miss Edith Ellis, daughter of W. W. Ellis and niece of John Ellis, arrived yesterday morning from Sacramento and will be the guest of Mrs. C. W. Friend.

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Extensive placer mining by the hydraulic process is to be conducted this year in the vicinity of Osceola White Pine county. John Wedekind, son of the discoverer of the Wedekind mine north of Reno is one of the promoters of the enterprise.

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Sheep men will begin shearing at Golconda on April 20th. There are fully 75,000 sheep to be shorn at that place this spring. Lambing will follow in May and a good crop is expected.

THE NEXT RUSH

Reservation Ground the Point of Prospective Interest.

The next rush that Nevada will see in the way of mines will be toward the Indian Reservation along Walker Lake and River. This particular piece of ground is looked upon as rich in mineral bearing ores as from time to time the Indians and white prospectors have brought in rich specimens from the district. Many a white man has carefully entered the ground and in a secret way has prospectored to his satisfaction. Most of such prospectors have left hurriedly as the Indians have kept the reservation patrolled and the white brother has not been welcome, but with the prospect of the opening of the denied ground many are camping close to the trail and the secrets of the big district will be given the world before the summers sun has closed.

Probably one reason that the ground has the greatest enchantment is the fact that the white man is told he cannot go there. To the average man this is a challenge and this has led to many exaggerations of the wealth of the district. It is possible and more than likely that a score or more of great mines will be uncovered in the Reservation, but there will not be riches for all, as the section is like all others, the mineral lays in fields and the fortunate will find the pay rock.

From the inquires and calculations it is believed that at least five thousand men will rush over the territory in a short time. They are coming from every section as the letters to the agents show the thousands who tramp the hills many will not find what they want and will go to the other districts that offer chances. Such places as Masonic, Aurora, Bodie Mono Lake, Como, and in fact every mineral bearing zone of Western Nevada is coming in line for the mining boom that has set the heads of many twirling. Nevada today is the center of the mining excitement. It is the days of the pioneer over again. The man with the pick rules the day. He is a pauper today a rich man tomorrow. The money that is spent in the bar rooms of the new camps is a realism of the days of forty-nine and the men are just as free, and talk of fortunes as readily as they did when California gave the world a shock by her reckless men and rich mines.

With the glamour of wealth in Southern Nevada many of the good things in the Western section have been passed over. People have gone with the boom, and they will come back with the rush that is sure to come this summer. Western Nevada is in line for her share and those who own properties can look forward to their day of fortunes and good things ahead.

Such men as Schwab, Clarke De Lamar, Heinze and other are taking monied interests in Nevada's properties and they are not on the ground for their health. They have made millions for themselves and are helping every section of the State, as they call attention by their investments. Southern Nevada has proven quality and the West is in line for the millions that are under the grass roots.

Jail Break Frustrated

Wesley Godron, one of the three desperadoes who have been trying to break from the county jail at Elko, has made a sensational confession following a third effort to escape. The third attempt at a delivery was discovered after the prisoners had filed off their handcuffs and broken their Oregon boots to bits. They had then torn up a heavy iron bed and with pieces of iron several feet long were preparing to kill the jailer when he entered to feed them. They were found lying in wait for him and were rushed by four men, who overpowered them and chained them to the cells. Gordon says that he and two companions, Sterling and Watson, were furnished with files, knives and gun-powder by a trusty; that guns were planted outside the jail, and that after killing the jailer they intended to break for the hills and kill anyone who might pursue them.

Notice

All parties having claims against Ormsby county will file the same with the County Clerk on or before Saturday, March 3, 1906, as the Commissioners will meet on the following Monday and allow all just bills.

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